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In Re the Application of:

Alexander Michael Chagovetz

Serial No.: 09/886,313

Filed: June 21, 2001

Atty. File No.: 46641-01010

For: "METHOD FOR REAL-TIME
DETECTION AND QUANTIFICATION
OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
USING FLUORESCENT PRIMERS"

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action of June 26, 2003, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments to the claims and specification. Such amendments place the claims in form for allowance and otherwise comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendment dated December 23, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 26, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 19 of this paper.

In a separate attachment, Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of time.